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The Military.

FIRST LIGHT DRAGONS.—We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to attend a "Social Evening" of the First Light Dragons on Thursday evening last. Indisposition prevented our being present but we have no doubt from the high character of the corps that a delightful evening was passed by the gallant soldiers and their lady friends.

The following is from the Gold Hill Correspondence of the *Placer Herald*—Ever and again, during the late summer, and during the late fall, the military has been so prevalent along the foot hills, bordering the plain, but we have been entirely clear of fevers here until the last few days, when symptoms of military fever began to appear amongst us, and the attack has been so violent that great excitement exists; indeed, that almost every man from four feet seven up to six feet six, has been fired with the most ardent and patriotic emotions, and a commendable desire to become acquainted with, and skilled in military tactics is manifested, and is being carried into execution. Almost every night, may be heard the word of command, accompanied with the steady step of our country's future defenders. You would scarcely expect to see this in a military camp, but it is the fact. The first that was organized is under the command of Lieutenant Sisson, and is a part and parcel of the Placer Rifles; this company is increasing in numbers and improving very much in military discipline under their very efficient officers. The other is an independent company, styling themselves the "Maltese Guards," under the command of Capt. Don Sebastian Colman. This company numbers some twenty members, and is fair to expect to be the pleasure of seeing them in full uniform, with martial music parading your streets, the admiration of all who possess the least spark of military patriotism.

SWORD LICENSE.—John W. O'Neal, of Stockton, has received from New York the sword which his son, Col. Calvin O'Neal, wore when he fell in the battle of Gettysburg. It was entrusted to W. W. Wise, who was taken prisoner, but managed to keep it until he reached New York.

The Downside National Guard had a benefit on Monday the 14th inst. which was a bumper.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE COL. BABB.—Pursuant to Regimental Orders, the First Rifle Regiment assembled yesterday afternoon at their parade ground, Hillside street, for the purpose of paying the last and final respects to their lamented commanding officer, Col. Peter Babb. A few minutes to five o'clock, the regiment formed and proceeded by way of Baltimore, Rutaw and Camden streets to the residence of the deceased on Peca street, near Lombard, in the following order:—Robert A. McAllister, Lieutenant Colonel commanding, Joseph J. Robinson, Major, William H. Evans, Adjutant, Franklin P. Scott, Quarter Master; Robert Francis, Captain Master's Cornet Band.

German Riflemen—First Lieutenant Lewis Baker in command, Third Lieutenant John Holders, Quarter Master Peter Maker.

American Riflemen—Captain William E. Beale, Second Lieutenant William H. Irwin, Third Lieutenant Alexander Williamson.

Two regimental flags were here borne, tied with crepe.

First Monumental Riflemen—Captain Hoffman, First Lieutenant, Joseph Eberle, second Lieutenant Frederick Lurman, third Lieutenant Frederick Miller.

Independent German Yeagers—Captain Christian Krutz, first Lieutenant Goetz, second Lieutenant Winmann, third Lieutenant Crummer.

Wells and McGowan Riflemen—Captain Augustus Wells in command, second Lieutenant Charles P. Malloy, third Lieutenant, Alexander Rutledge, ensign, John Moore.

The ceremonies being over, the Regiment, omitting the usual salute, per request, returned to the parade ground, and was quietly dismissed.—*Butte Evening News*, Aug. 18th.

FIRE IN OROVILLE.—A fire broke out about one o'clock on Monday morning, says the *Butte Review*, in a building just without the limits of the town, on the Lynchburg road. The fire originated in a building owned and occupied by a Mr. Coleman, and was caused by a stove pipe passing through the roof of the building, and communicating to a building occupied by Robert Corney as a drinking house and owned by Wm. Coffey. The dwelling house and shop of Mr. Gridley—a carpenter, next caught, and the fire spread to the building of Mr. Coleman, and the fire spread to the building of Mr. Boucher and his wife, that occupied by Mr. Frith, and the residence of the Rev. Mr. Burton which were all burned to the ground.—Other buildings in the vicinity were all saved by the exertions of the Butte Engine Company and their neighbors and others who were on the ground.

The amount of property destroyed is valued in the aggregate at \$3,000, or thereabouts. The figures as they are furnished us by one of the losers are as follows:

Mr. Gridley.....\$1,000
Wm. Coffey.....800
Mr. Coleman.....800
Mr. Boucher.....400
Mr. Frith.....400
Rev. Mr. Burton.....250

Various mining properties, and other property, were only saved by letting on a stream of water from the ditch and the hard work of those near by.

The "Buttes" were on hand at the first tap of the bell, and rendered efficient service. The wind was blowing gently from the north and directed the flames away from the town. A cabin situated on the bluff some distance below the scene of the conflagration was burned. What the damage was we have not learned. Had the wind blown from the south the town would have been in great danger. The fire is supposed to have been the work of incendiaries, and two suspected men were arrested yesterday morning.

A CHARGE OF ARSON.—Michael Kelly has been committed by Justice Berry, of Oroville, on the charge of arson. The evidence was strong the Kelly set fire to the house of Mr. Coleman, on Monday last.

BENEFIT.—Eureka Hose No. 1 of Marysville has a benefit at the theatre on Thursday evening. The proceeds were to be used for the payment of the expense of a splendid new hose carriage recently purchased by the company. Miss Annette Irwin volunteered her services.

Theatrical and Musical.

The Boston Musical opened on August 10th. Mrs. A. H. M. Viker, appeared at the Howard Athenaeum, on Monday August 11th.

The English violinist Mr. Cooper is about visiting the United States on a professional tour. Mr. Ullman, the Director of the Opera at the Academy of Music for the coming season, had arrived in New York. Frederick, the prima donna of the Italian Opera at Paris, was to be the prima donna.

The Buffalo Mozart Society, under the direction of Professor Webster, are preparing two masterpieces entitled "The Pilgrims of 1829," and "The Harmony of the Spheres."

The St. Louis Theatre, which has been altered and greatly improved, opened on Monday night August 18th, with the Raveles, who have month's engagement.

Mr. John Povey, formerly of the Park Theatre, was one of the passengers by the Persia. Mr. Povey comes out as the agent of Mr. Charles Mathews, Canadian whose arrival will closely follow that of his former manager.

Mr. Vining, whose daughter, Mrs. John Wood, is so well and favorably known to the New York public, was one of the passengers by the Persia, lately arrived from Havana.

At the latest dates Mr. Maretzky, in London arranging engagements for Havana and Philadelphia, with Tamberini, Ronconi and Tagliapietra.

Mr. and Mrs. Pannofetti have lately played very profitable engagements in Toronto, Canada. Mr. Banger, who played a highly successful engagement at St. Louis, Mo., and who is now making a profitable tour throughout the West and South, has lately arrived in town with his talented daughter, so says a New York paper.

M. Czerny, the well known composer and pianist lately died at Vienna, aged 64. The number of his published pieces is 49, and he leaves a great number of others behind. Not having any family, he has bequeathed his fortune, which is considerable, to the Conservatory of Music of that city, and to charitable purposes.

The Adelphi Theatre, London, is still relying on the strength of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Williams, who have secured, like the reformer of a few years back, the whole bill, and nothing but the bill. So says the London Era.

Gen. Tom Thumb has been exhibiting at Newport, England, and the Town Hall was crowded at every exhibition. So large were the numbers who flocked to see the "little wonder," that the managers decided to give four instead of three entertainments on the 18th ult. All of them were fully attended.

Miss Catherine Harding, the actress, died suddenly at Stockport, England, at the age of 40, on July 15th. She was a lady much esteemed by all who knew her.

Tamberini, the celebrated opera singer, arrived in England on July 16, by the Brazil mail steamer "Congo," from the river Plate, where he has been singing for some time with great success. He proceeded at once to St. Petersburg to fulfill an engagement.

We are gratified to hear that Mr. Roberts, an American student of considerable historical reputation, is now on his way to England.

We are informed that Mr. John Owens, who shortly visits England, and make his appearance at the West End theatres.

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On the occasion of the benefit of Madame Bourgeois, the prima donna at New Orleans, diamonds valued at \$1500 were thrown on the stage to the great amusement of the audience.

Over the act drop of the Lexington (Ky.) Varieties, these words, from Dr. Bellows' discourse: "The theatre has, in every age, exhibited the vice and folly of society rather than created them."

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Wm. Rufus Blake, had been engaged for the season at Wallack's.

Miss Matilda Horne is announced as spending the summer, and preparing for her arduous coming career, at a sojourn at Atlantic City, on the Jersey Coast.

It is proposed to erect a People's theatre in Paris capable of accommodating six thousand spectators, who are to be admitted at an exceedingly low rate of charges. Historical dramas are to be made a leading point in regard to all performances, and prizes are to be adjudged for moral and educational purposes. It will either be the "Theatre du Peuple," or the "Theatre du Prince Imperial."

Mr. Ira Aldridge, the colored tragedian, now so famous, has been very successful at Stockholm in the part of Shalok. He was called for not less than three times, and was greeted with naysays and laurels.

The Walnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, opened on Monday evening August 10th, for a brief season, with "Nagle's American Juveniles," a company of thirty children, spoken of as being nearly or quite the best of their kind in the excellence of their performances.

Richard J. Turner, formerly connected with Sanford's Opera Troupe, who had gained considerable fame as a vocalist, died suddenly at Sykesville, Baltimore county, on Thursday week.

The Arch at (Philadelphia) Company have been playing at the Holiday street Theatre, Baltimore, with good success. Buckstone's Comedy of "Leap Year," "The Founding of Paris," "French Spy," "Colley Cibber," "She would and She would not," "Bob Kettles," &c., have been played. Mr. Alexander Fisher Baker taking a benefit with the two last mentioned pieces.

Rachel is said to be dying. She is tottering and feeble, and crawls with difficulty about her apartment. So great has been the progress of her disease, and so deep its mark, that she looks now like an old, decrepit woman. She has indefinitely given her resignation at the Francis. The total loss of her voice compelled it, for she can scarcely

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Resolved. That this Company be known as the Neptune Hose Company, No. 1, of Jackson.

On motion, a Committee of three was appointed by the Chair, to draft a Constitution and By-laws, consisting of Wm. Hall, Mr. Slater and J. Davis.

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